

DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Equity in School Lunch Pricing Fact Sheet

TO: Child Nutrition Programs

This memorandum provides information relating to section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296). This provision requires school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure that schools are providing the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches (i.e., paid lunches) as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. This provision is effective July 1, 2011.

An implementation memorandum will not be issued for this provision; the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) expects to publish an interim rule by the provision's effective date. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the rule, and we anticipate issuing further guidance in conjunction with publication of the rule. The attached Equity in School Lunch Pricing Fact Sheet is meant to provide information to States and SFAs as they await the publication of the rule. We request that State agencies (SAs) provide the fact sheet to all SFAs as soon as possible.

Attachment